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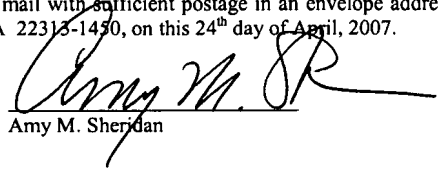
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2. U.S. Patent No. 4,241,775, to William L. Jackson, issued on December 30, 1980; and
3. U.S. Patent No. 4,170,254, to William L. Jackson, issued on October 9, 1979.

Non-U.S. Patent Documents

1. German Patent Publication No. DE 36 40 222 A1, to Semperit GmbH, published on June 19, 1987 (with English-language abstract).

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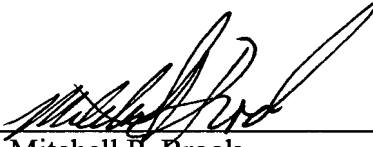
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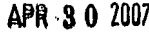
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